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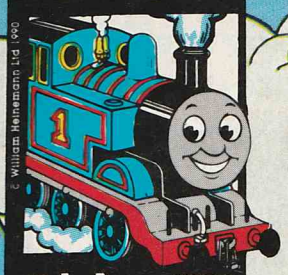

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THE THOMAS CLUB PAGE

Peep! Peep! Everyone likes Toby the Tram Engine. He is an old-fashioned, steam-driven tram engine. Toby works on the outlying quarry line, where he occasionally meets Diesel. One day, as Toby is passing the quarry, he hears a loud explosion! Whatever could it be?! The story begins on the next page! Peep! Peep!

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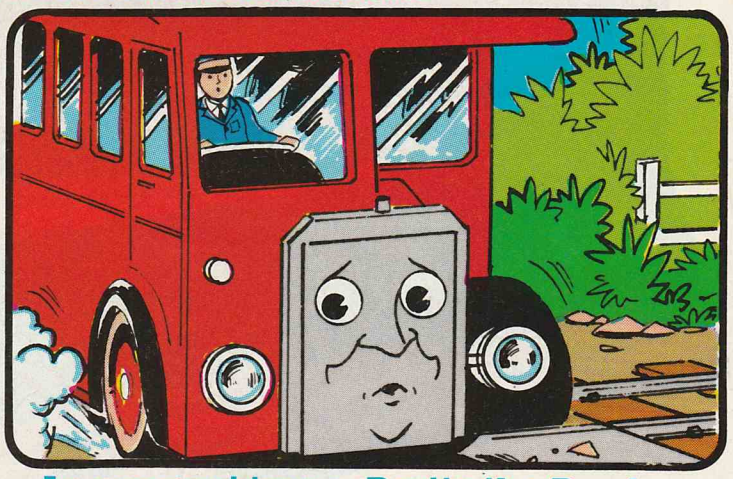

In our next issue: Bertie the Bus has a puncture on the level crossing!

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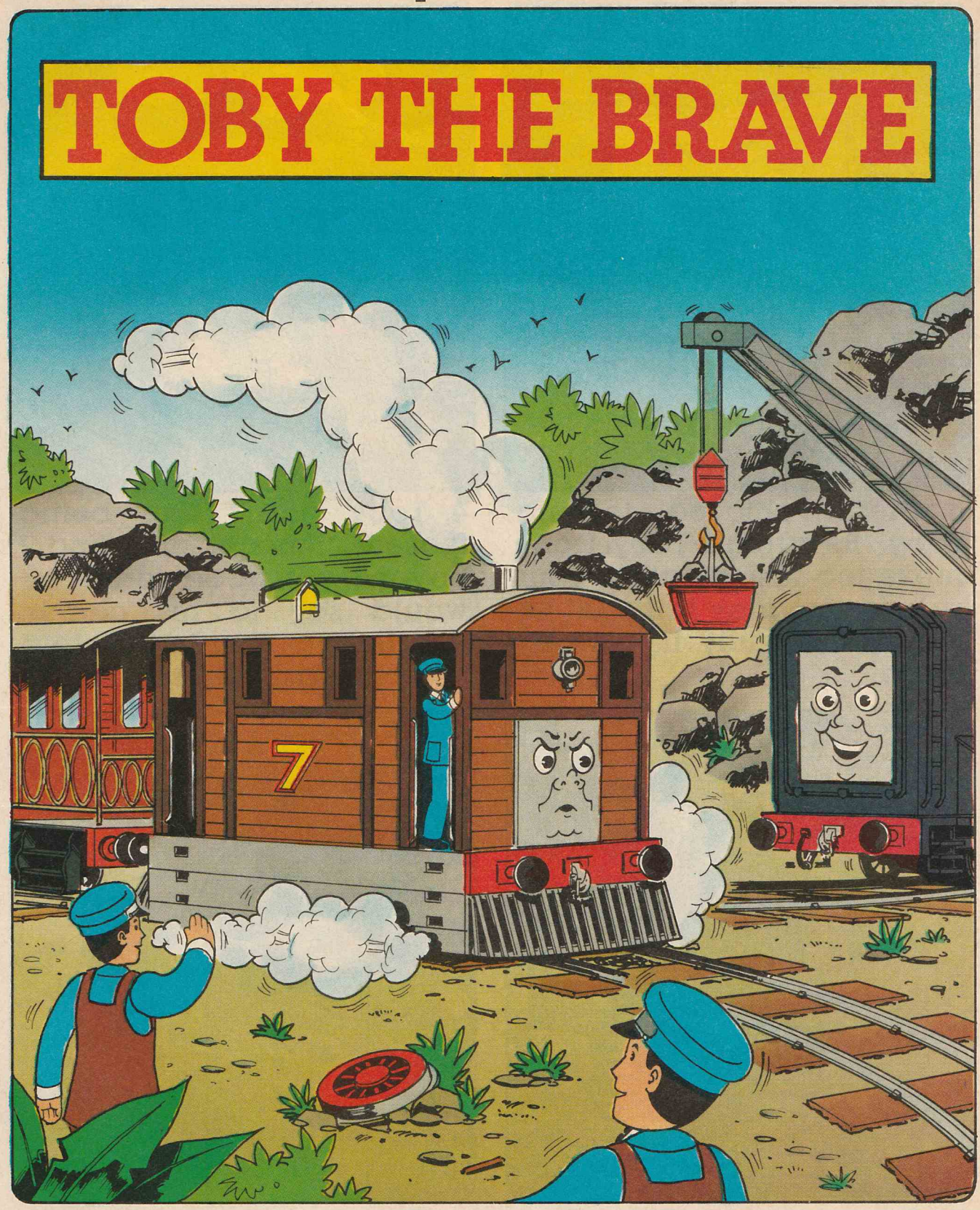
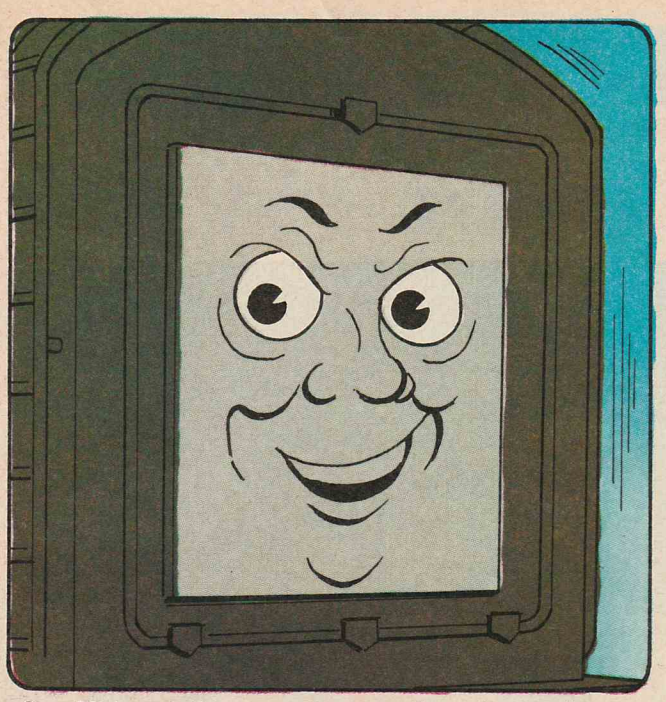
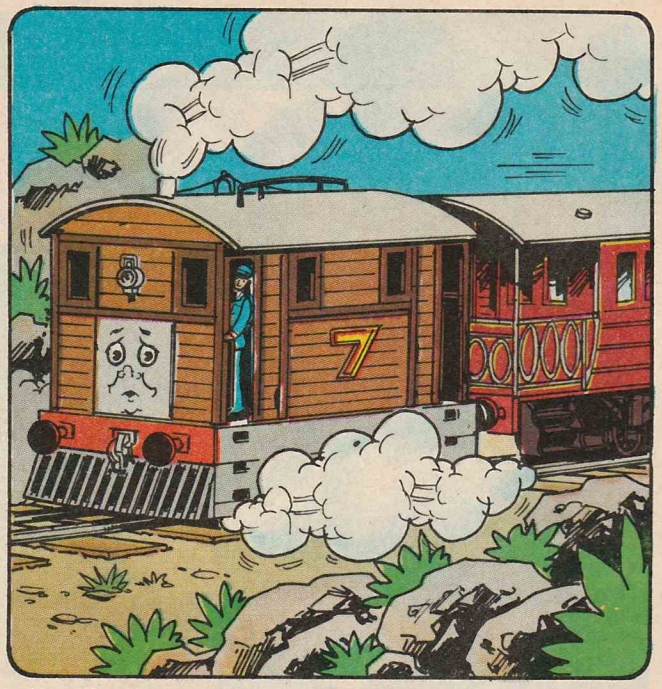


1. Everyone likes Toby. He is an old-fashioned steam-driven tram engine. Toby works very hard on the outlying quarry line, pulling Henrietta to the little stations.

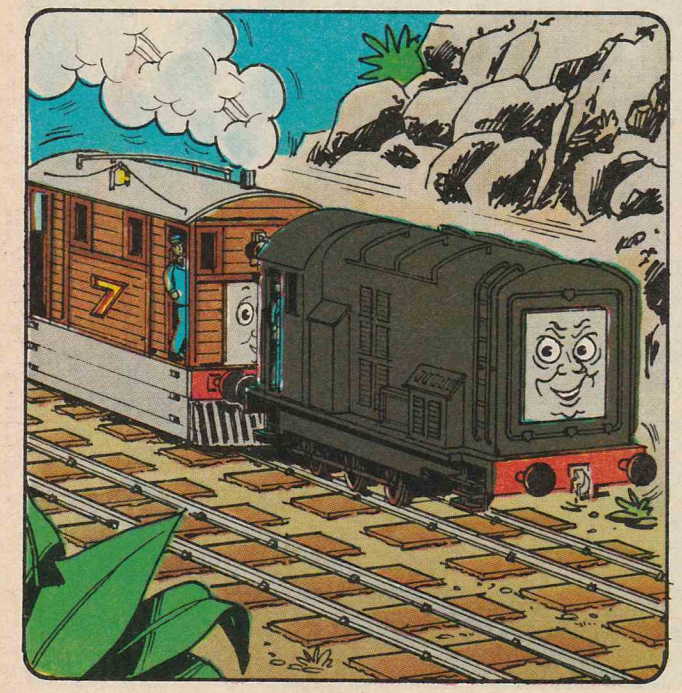
2. Toby and Henrietta often pass the quarry where Diesel works. Diesel likes making rude remarks to upset Toby. "Heh! You're old and ancient, Toby!" he often shouts.



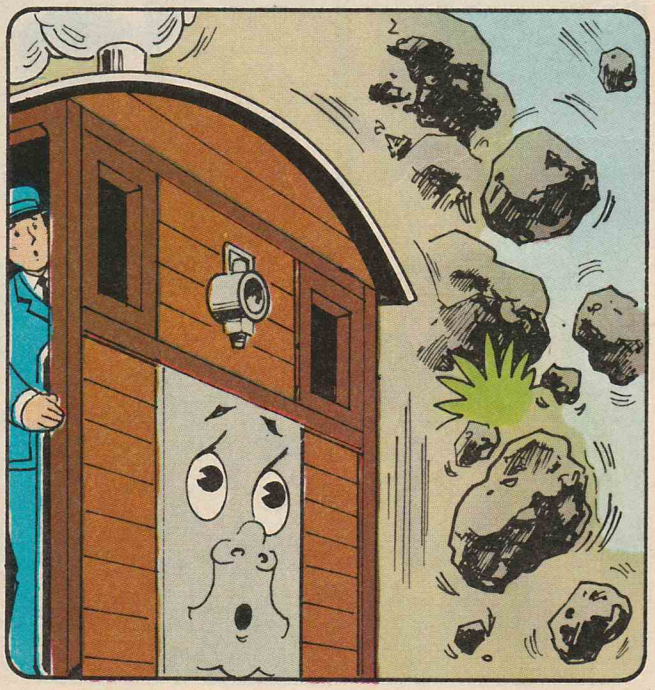
3. Diesel enjoyed teasing Toby. "Be careful, Toby! Don't move too fast, or all of your woodworm may fall out!" he teased spitefully in his oily voice.



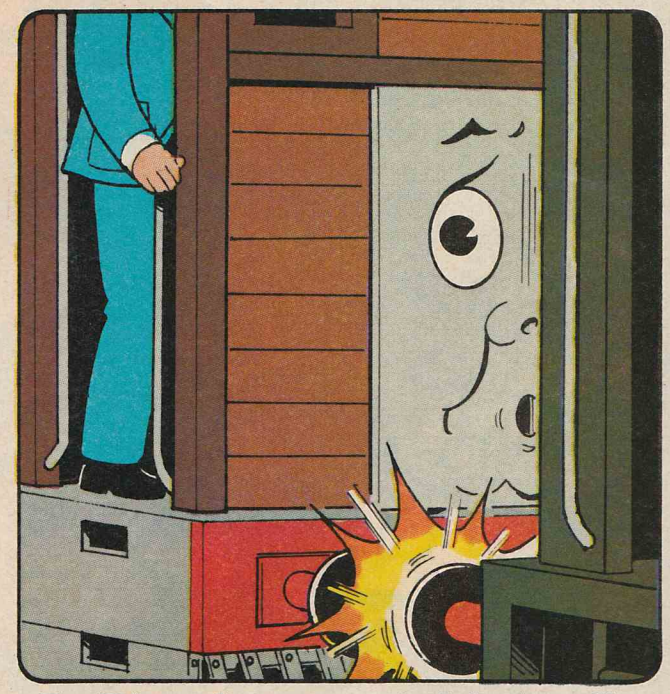
4. Toby didn't like being teased. "I'm not old! And I haven't got woodworm!" he would say to his coach, Henrietta. Henrietta told Toby to ignore Diesel.



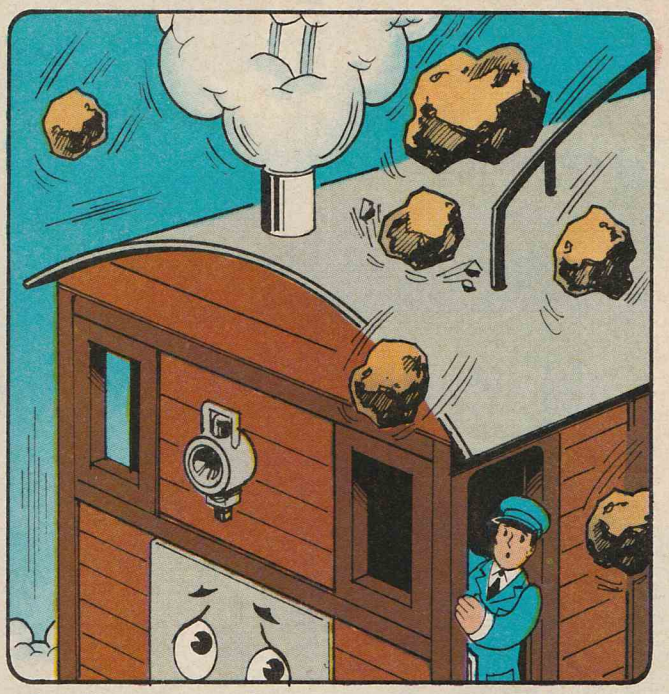
5. One morning, Toby was passing the quarry. Suddenly there was a loud explosion from inside the quarry. "Oh dear, that sounded close!" gasped Toby.



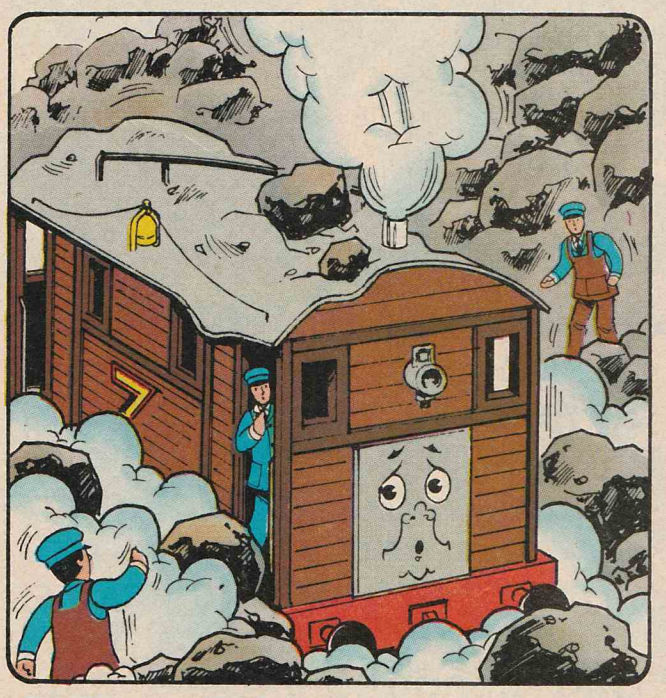
6. There was a loud rumbling. Toby looked up to see lots of big rocks rolling down the hillside. "The explosion has loosened the rocks!" Toby shouted in alarm.



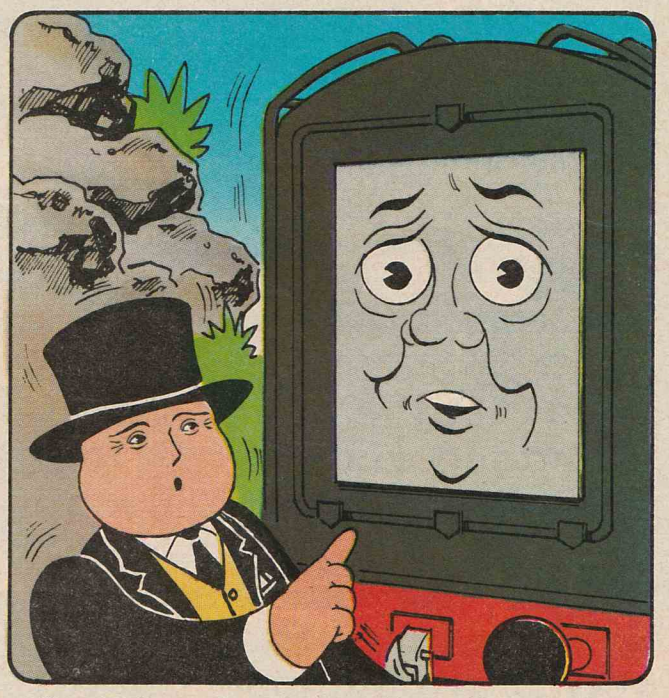
7. Diesel was right in the path of the rocks! "He'll be crushed!" cried Toby. Toby acted very quickly. He rolled forward, pushing Diesel out of the way of the rocks.



8. It was lucky that Diesel had his brakes off! He rolled clear just in time! Poor Toby wasn't so lucky. Some of the rocks fell crashing down on top of him!



9. Poor Toby was trapped by the fallen rocks. Toby was covered in large pieces of rubble and dirt. His roof had been very badly dented!



10. Diesel was shocked by what had happened. "Toby saved me!" he said. "Even after all the nasty things I've said to him!" The Fat Controller was called to the quarry.

11. Toby was frightened. He knew that he was badly damaged and thought that the Fat Controller might send him to the scrap yard! "Please, sir! You must help Toby!" said Diesel. "He's a very brave engine!" The Fat Controller agreed. "I always take care of my engines. Toby shall be sent to the workshop to be mended!"

12. Once Toby was repaired, he returned to his quarry line to see his faithful friend, Henrietta. Toby had a brand new roof, and a fresh coat of paint. "You look marvellous, Toby!" said Diesel as Toby and Henrietta passed him. "You are kind and useful and I won't tease you any more!" Toby was very glad to be back!

THE END

In our next issue: Trouble on the track!

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A SPLENDID COLLECTION OF STORIES FOR YOU!

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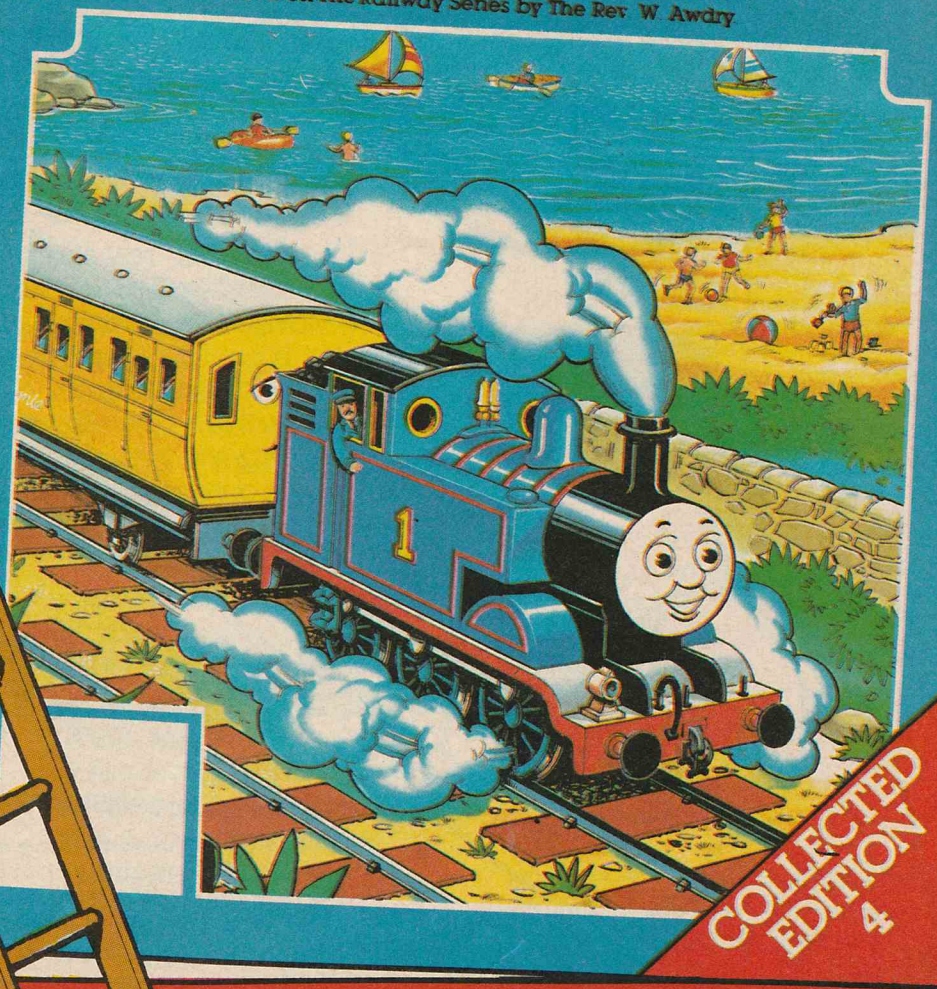

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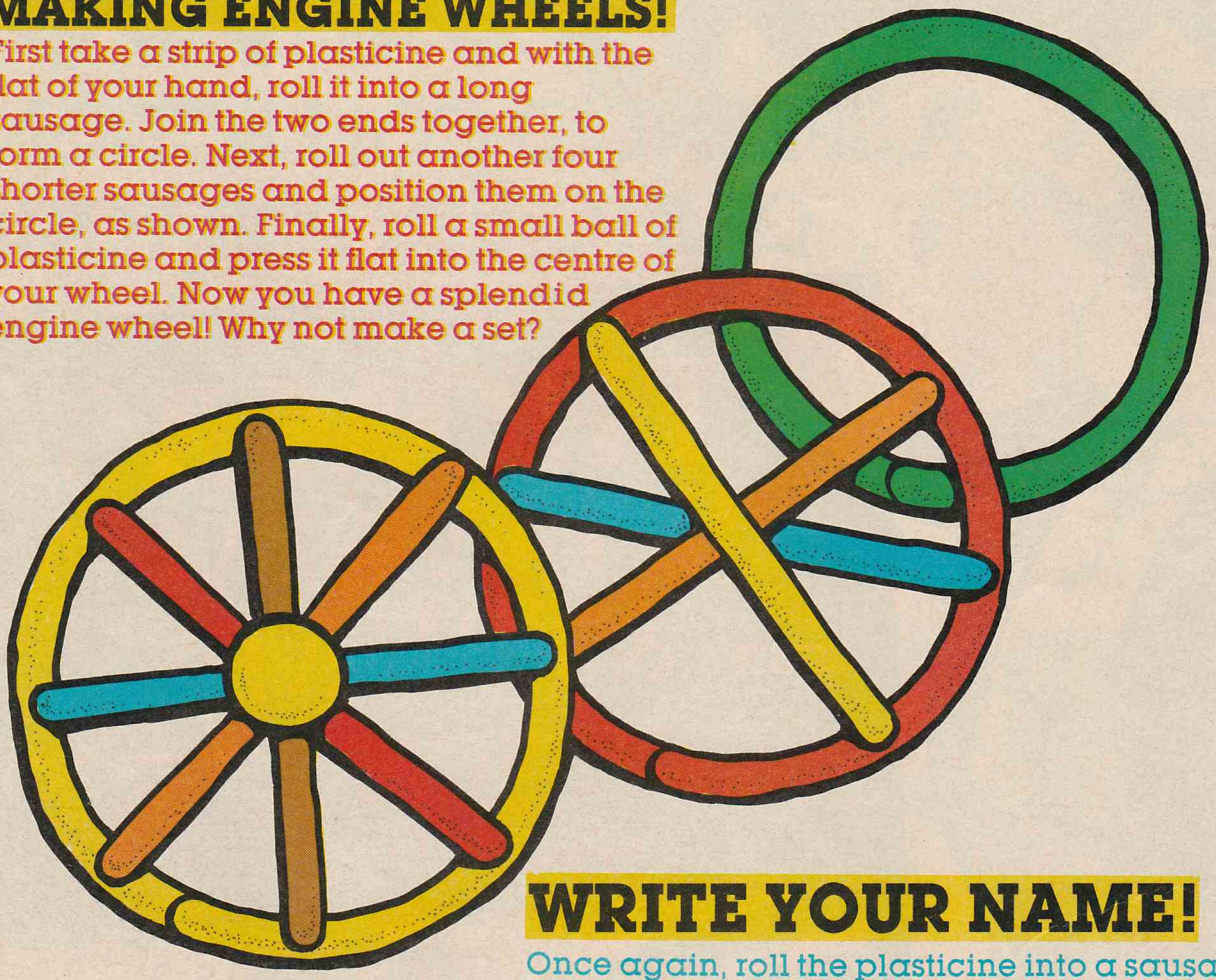
Things to do with Plasticine

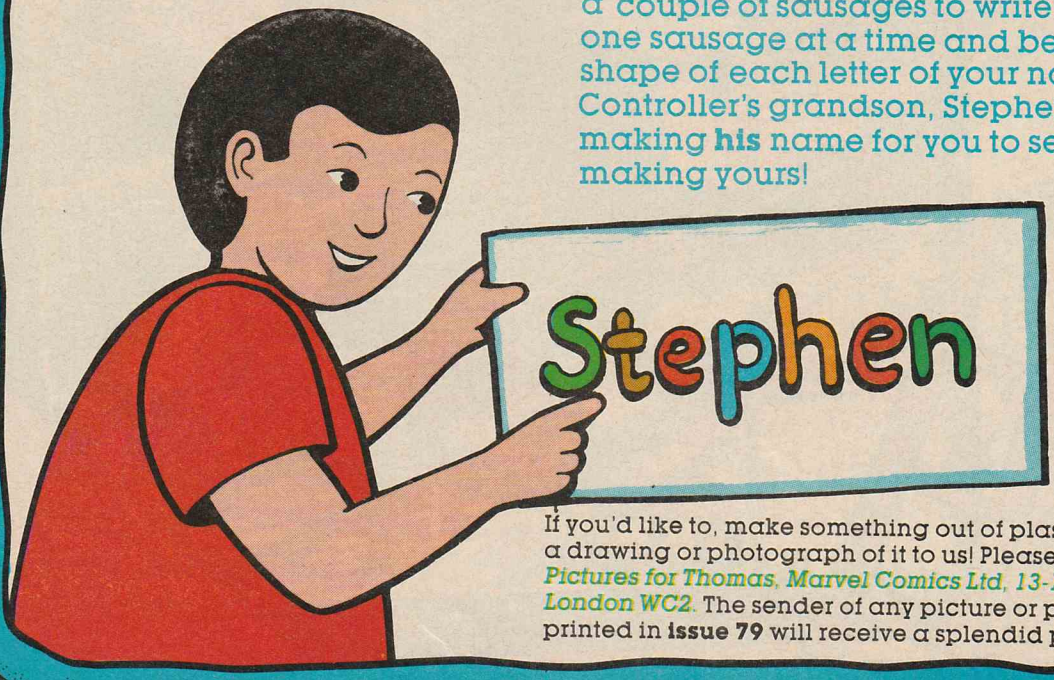
MAKING ENGINE WHEELS!

First take a strip of plasticine and with the flat of your hand, roll it into a long sausage. Join the two ends together, to form a circle. Next, roll out another four shorter sausages and position them on the circle, as shown. Finally, roll a small ball of plasticine and press it flat into the centre of your wheel. Now you have a splendid engine wheel! Why not make a set?



WRITE YOUR NAME!

Once again, roll the plasticine into a sausage with the flat of your hand. (You may need to roll a couple of sausages to write your name.) Take one sausage at a time and bend it into the shape of each letter of your name. The Fat Controller's grandson, Stephen, has just finished making **his** name for you to see. Now try making yours!



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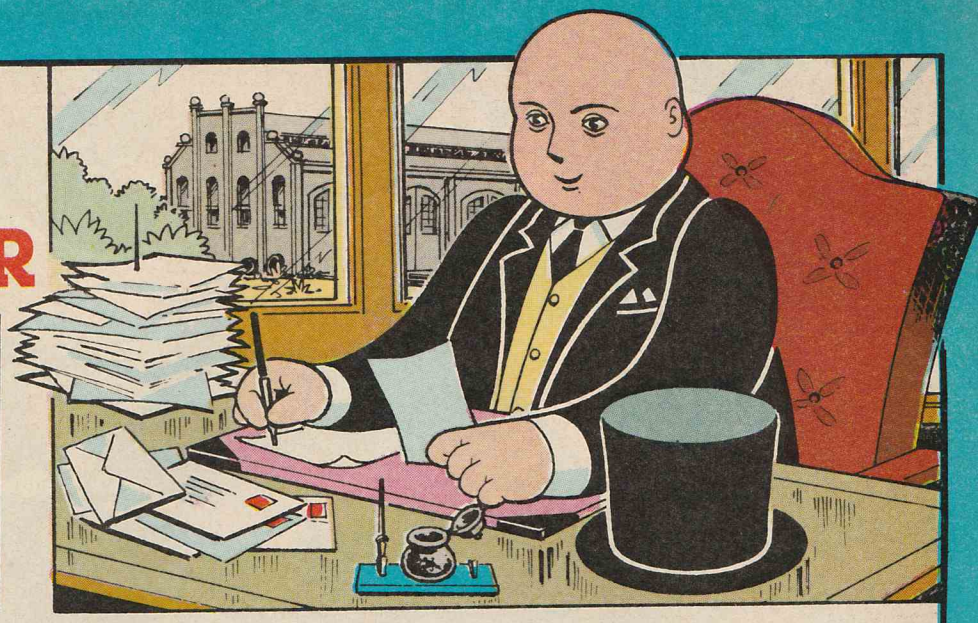
Write to the FAT CONTROLLER



Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas – or any of the other engines? Then why not write to me at the address below? I should be so very pleased to hear from you!

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STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
Why do all of your engines have to sleep in the shed at night? Do any of them ever stay outside on the line?

Love from **Caroline**, aged 4.

Gracious me...no! *Just like you or me, at the end of each day my engines look forward to returning to their safe, warm shed to talk about the day's events. After a hard day's work, that is the very least that they deserve!*

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Caroline wins a splendid Thomas the Tank lunchbox and carry flask from *Bluebird Toys (UK) Ltd.*

TRAIN SPOTTING!

Dear Fat Controller,
I go to Westbury Station a lot to spot trains and get numbers with my Daddy and Grandad. Did you go train spotting too, when you were young?

Love from **Simon**, aged 5.

Indeed I did, Simon. In fact, I still have all my old notebooks full of train numbers. I would never throw them away, you know.

LEARNING IS FUN!

Dear Fat Controller,
I love my **Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends** magazine, especially the dot to dot page! Not only do I enjoy joining up the dots, but it's helping me to learn my numbers too! Well done! Learning is such fun because of you!

Lots of love from **Ben**, aged 3, and his mum.

Well, well... I am *pleased that you enjoy learning from Thomas's magazine so much! My two grandchildren, Stephen and Bridget, enjoy the dots page too!*

BIRTHDAYS!

A special belated birthday goes to **Simon Troughon (25270).**

Daniel David Metcalf (33055), Peter Keenlyside, Samantha Thurman, Craig Shearer (13842), Zak McNally (28920), Gary Barratt, Jeb Robson, Sean Joll (29602), Nicci Dove (31746), Paul Atkins, Michael Rhodes (23710), Christopher Seaman (22311), Sarah Moxom (31039), John Watson, Edward Waterhouse (28806), Stephen Moore (32600), Stella Sullivan, Gavin Creek (19218), Richard Nicklen (31569), Christopher Wade Burfiend (32501), Amanda Parker (29744), Robert Macclesfield, Rudi Newman (27266), Mark Smith, Gordon Ragey (33084), Richard Lebourn (28542), Sarah Louise Deeley (29401), Daniel Kane (32806), William Leeman (30098), Edward Butler, Stephen Dawe and Taieb Sghaier (28830).

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Yours,
Sir Topham Hatt.
the Fat Controller.

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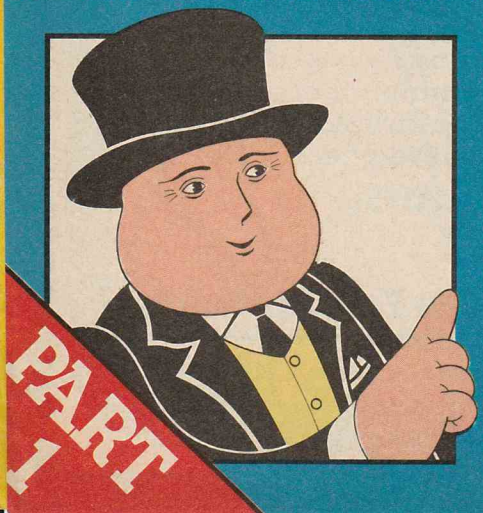
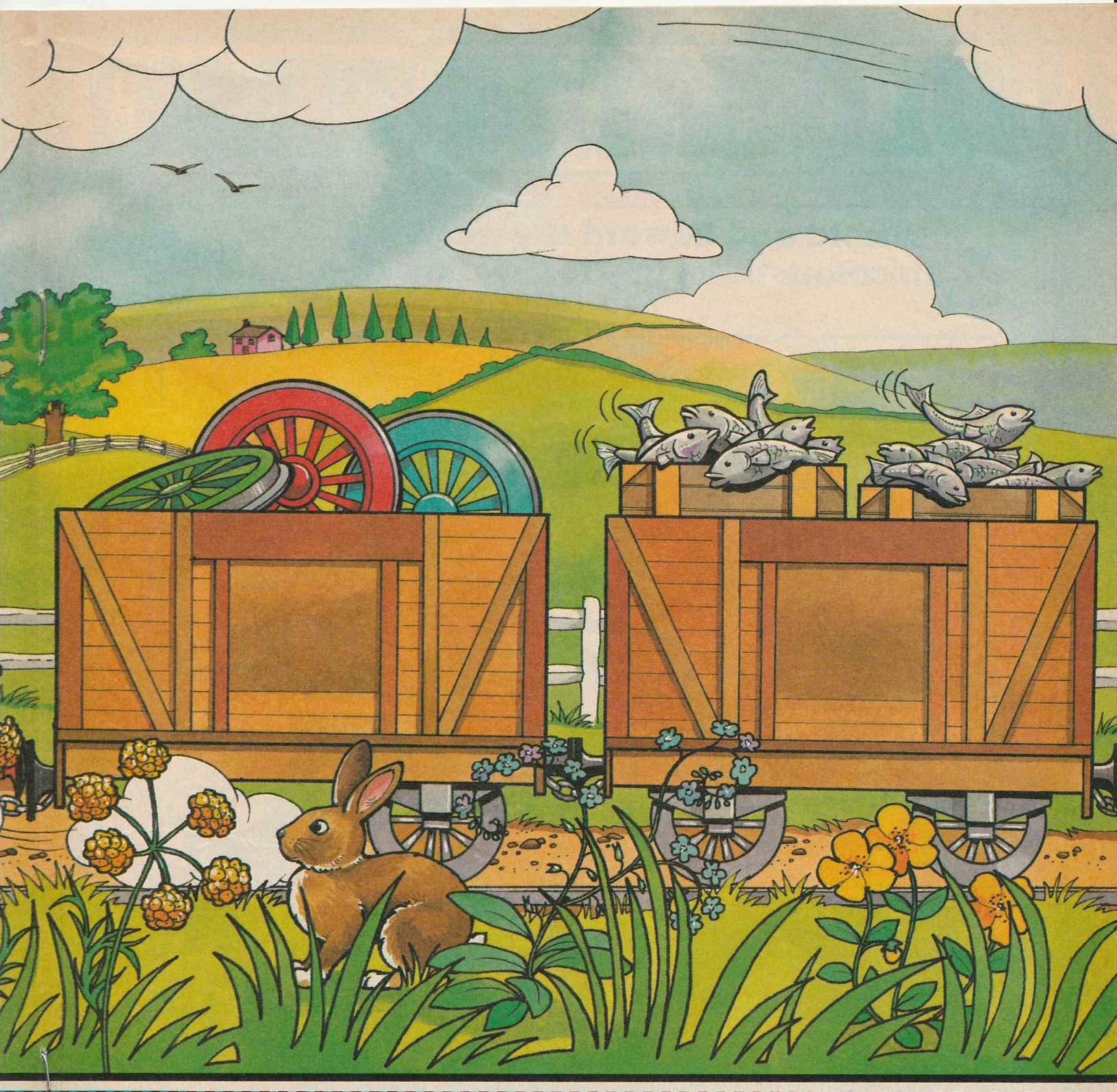


PART 1

COUNT WITH THE FAT CONTROLLER!

Welcome to the first of a very special four part mural counting activity I have for you! Over the next couple of weeks, as you collect the next three parts, you will see Thomas's train grow in length around your room! When you've answered all the questions on the opposite page, make sure you hang this centrespread safetly on your wall – and then wait for our next issue!



How many trucks can you see?

How many rabbits can you see?

How many guards are in Thomas's cab?

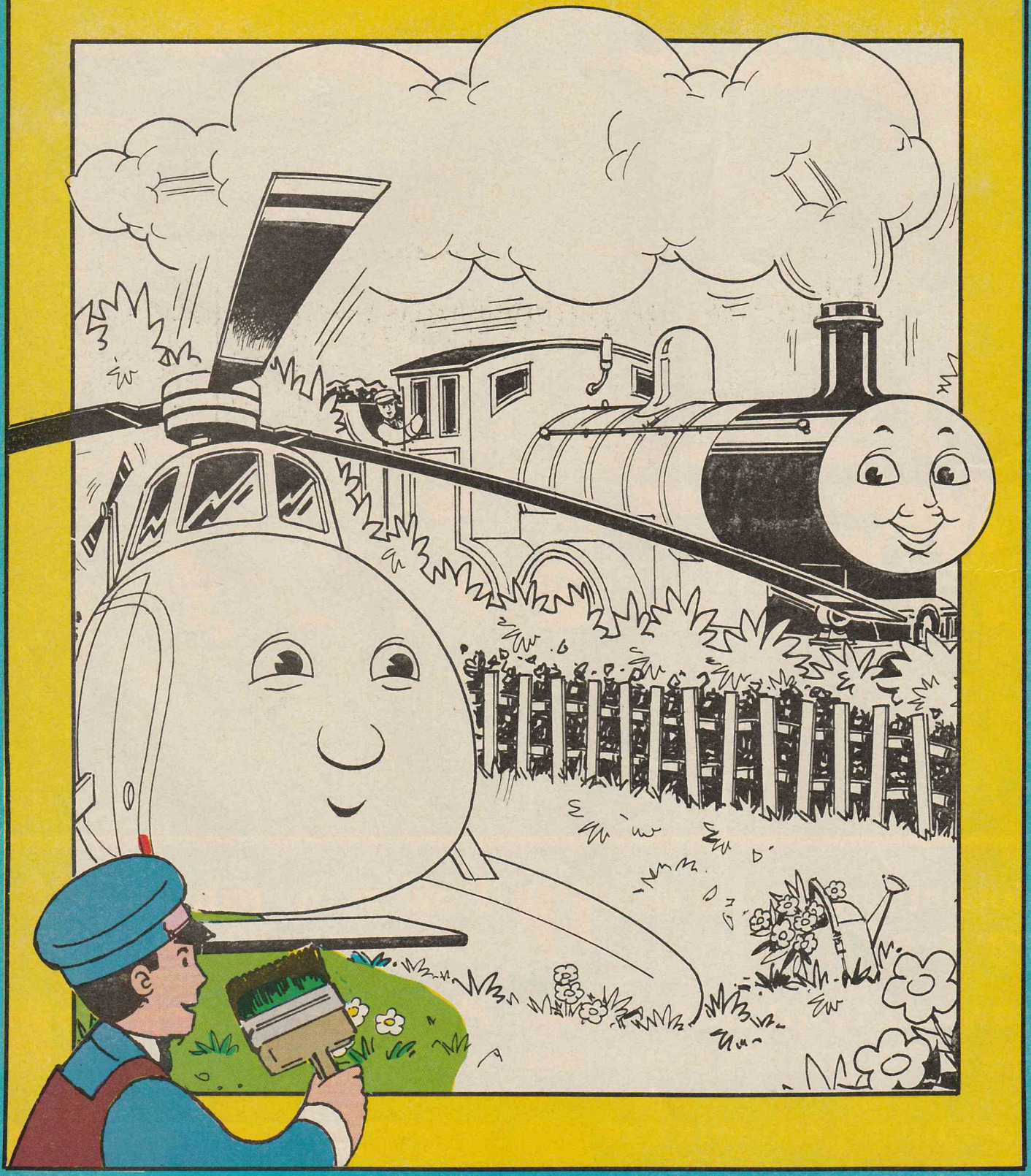
How many sheep are in the field?

How many wheels are in the first truck?

Next issue: Here come more trucks!

COLOURING TIME!

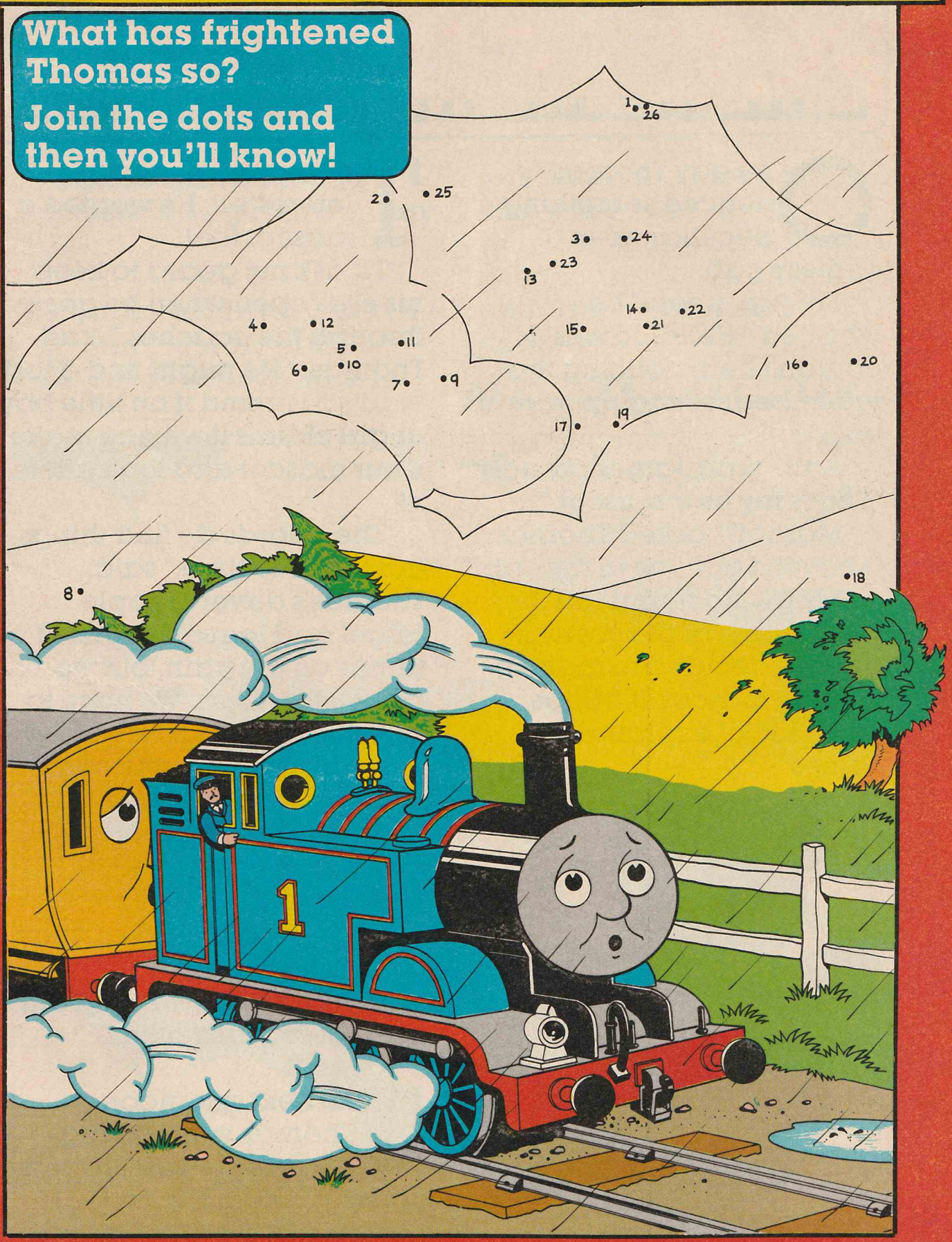
Harold and Edward are waiting for you
To colour them in – red, yellow and blue!



JOIN THE DOTS!

What has frightened Thomas so?

Join the dots and then you'll know!



A read aloud story!

The Mascot!

One day Thomas noticed something peculiar up in James's cab.

"Pip pip, peep!" he whistled. "Hello, James! I couldn't help noticing that teddy bear sitting up in your cab."

"Aah," said James proudly. "That's **my** new mascot."

"Mascot?" asked Thomas. "I haven't got one in my cab."

"My guard found this teddy bear in one of the coaches and we decided to make it into my mascot. It brings good luck," explained James.

teddy bear

Thomas was very interested. He wanted a mascot too!

"I'll ask my guard to keep his eyes open when he goes through the coaches," said Thomas. "He might find a lost teddy bear and if no little boy or girl claims it we can make it **our** mascot and look after it!"

"The guards do find things from time to time," said Thomas's driver. "People forget and leave all sorts of things on the train, but we can't keep them. We have to give them to the Lost Property office, in case people come back looking for them."

"James kept his teddy bear for **his** cab," protested Thomas.

"Well," said his driver, "that must have been a teddy bear that didn't get claimed from the Lost Property office."

The next afternoon, Thomas was waiting outside the Lost Property office. His guard was handing in a pair of gloves.

A little girl came out of the office with her mother. She looked very sad.

"I'm sorry, Jess," said her mother, "but the man said they didn't find your teddy bear. We'll get you a new one. . ."

"I don't want a new one," cried the little girl. "I want **my** one. . ."

Thomas's driver asked the lady to wait while he set off with Thomas to find James.

When Thomas found James and explained about the little girl, James felt very sorry. James's driver went himself to take the lost teddy bear back to the sad girl.

Later in the shed James said to Thomas, "My mascot **was** lucky because it made a little girl happy again."

"I don't think that engines need mascots," said Thomas, and James eventually agreed.

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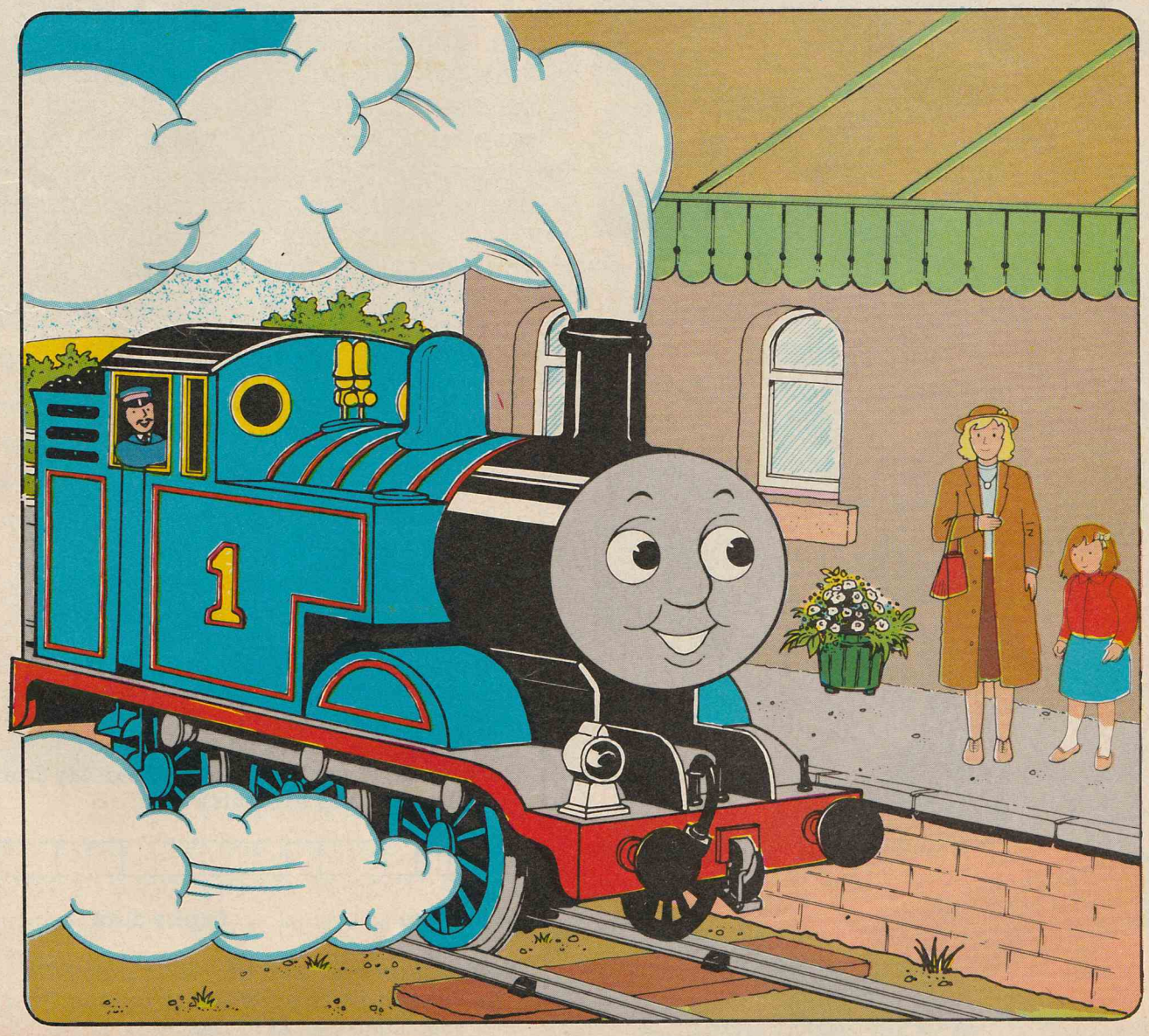

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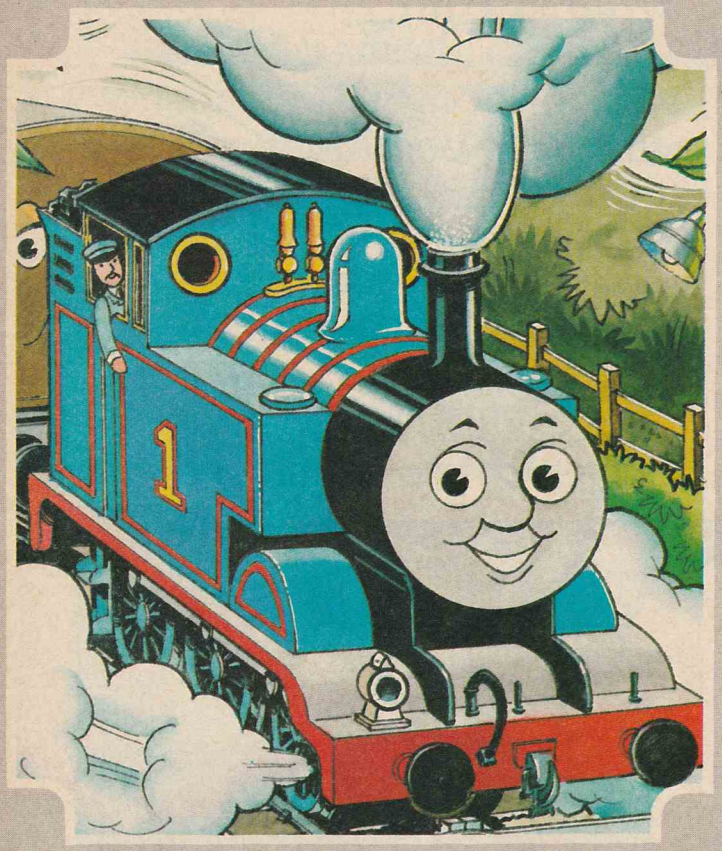

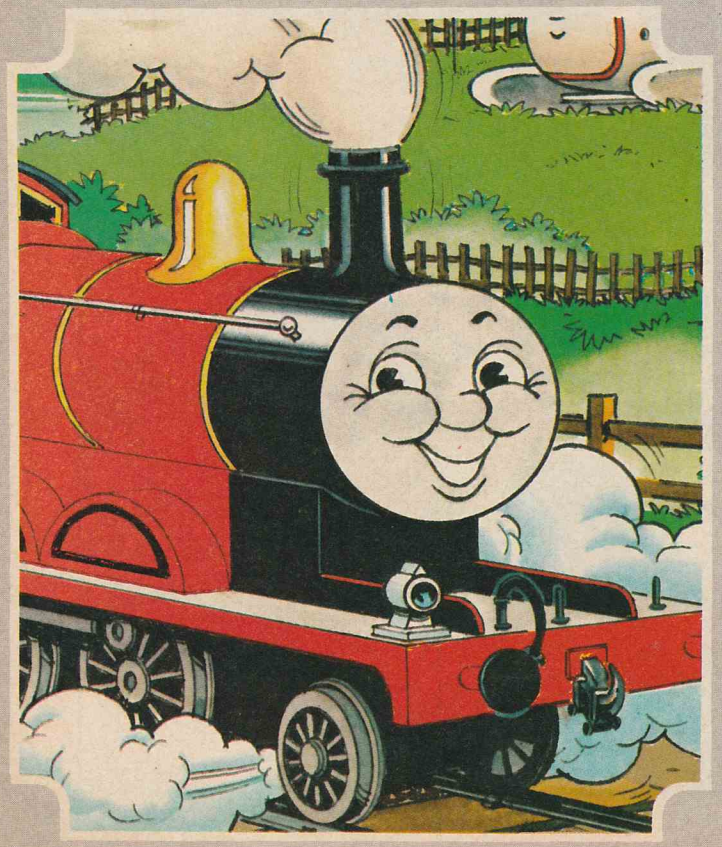

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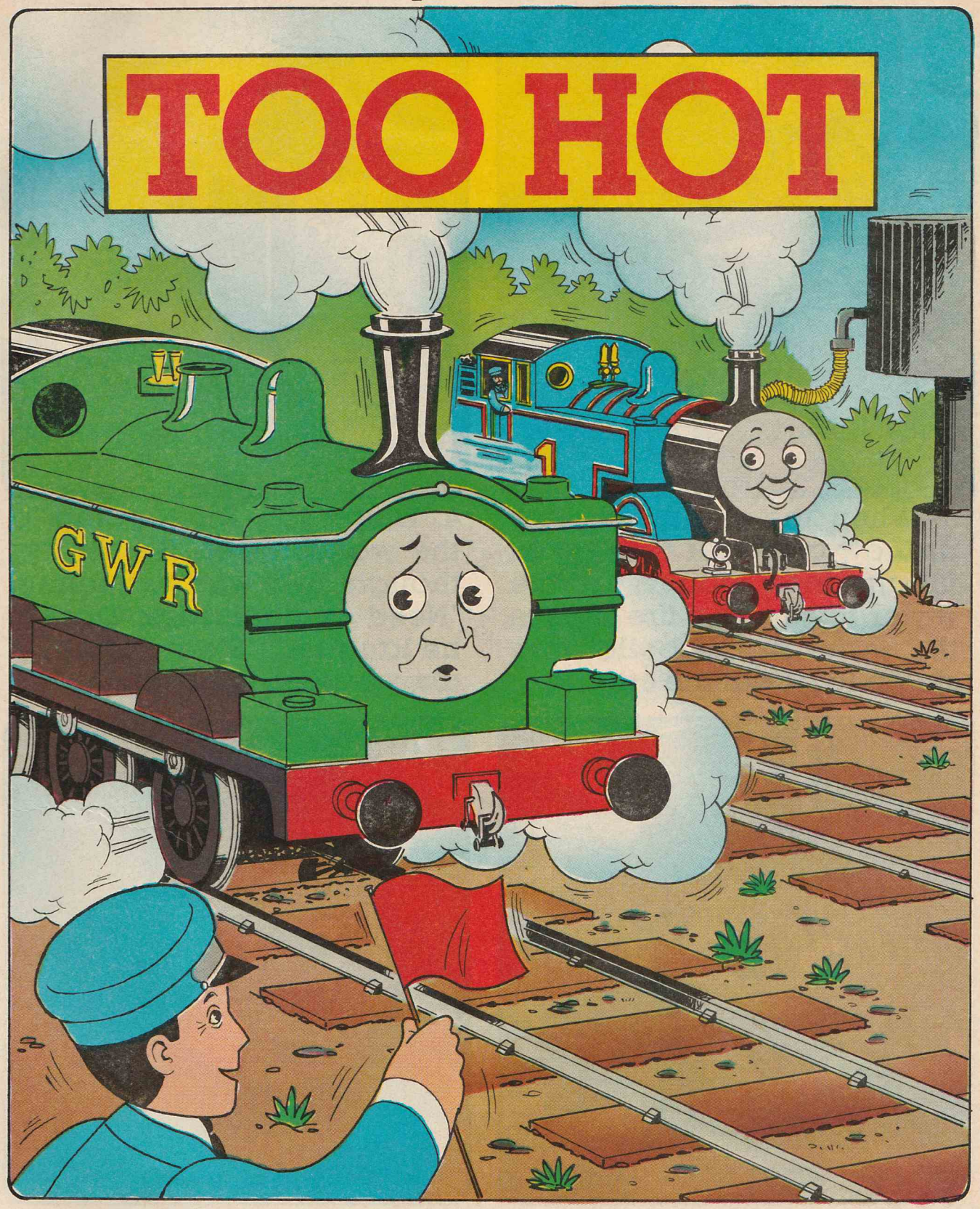
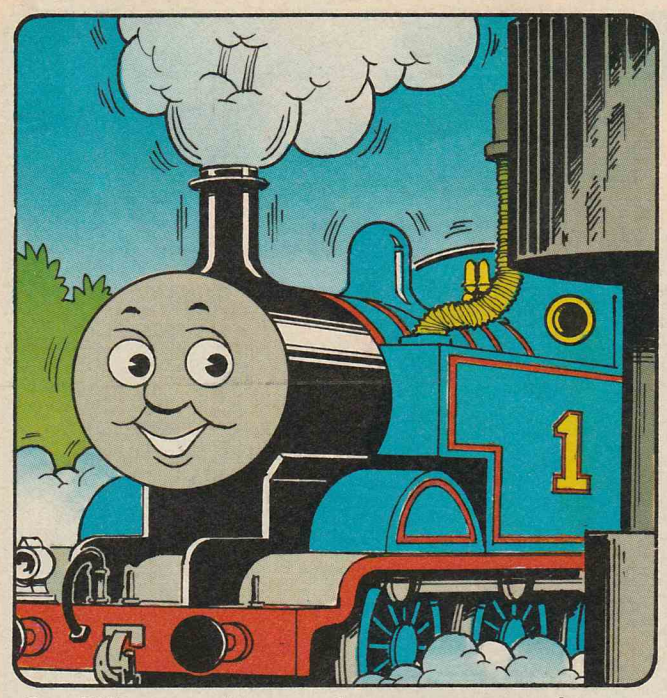
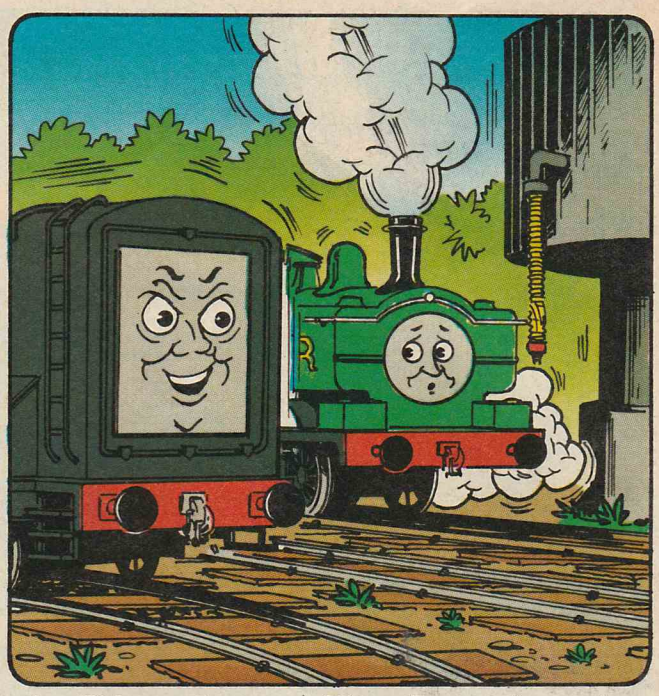


1. It was a splendid sunny day on the Island of Sodor. Duck had been working all morning with heavy trucks. "Phew!" he whistled. "I'm very hot and thirsty!"

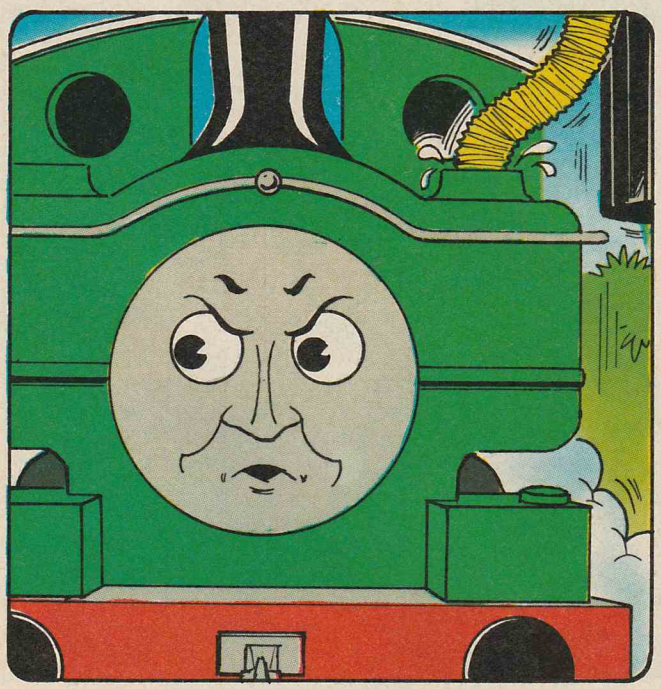
2. Come on then," said his driver. "Let's go and get you a nice cool drink of water!" The water tower is a large tank raised up on stilts. It has a spout on the side.



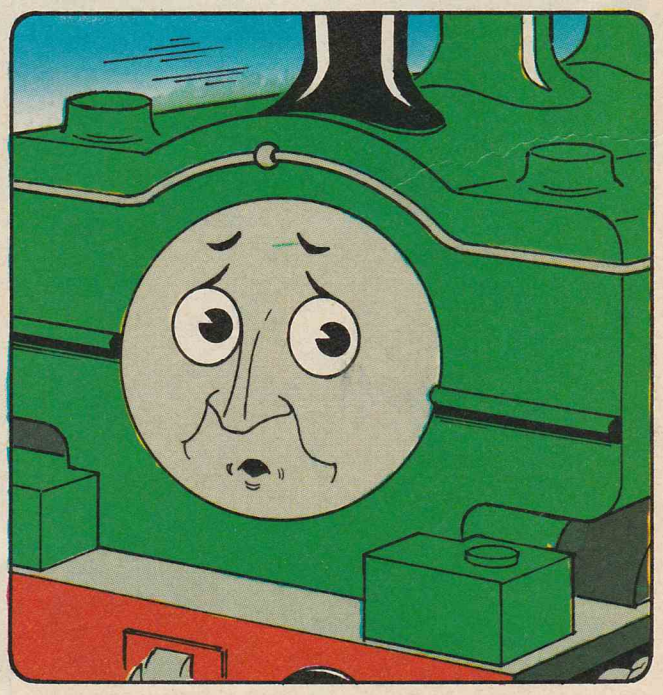
3. When the steam engines are low on water they go to fill up their boilers at the water tower. The fire makes the water in the boiler into steam to power the engine.



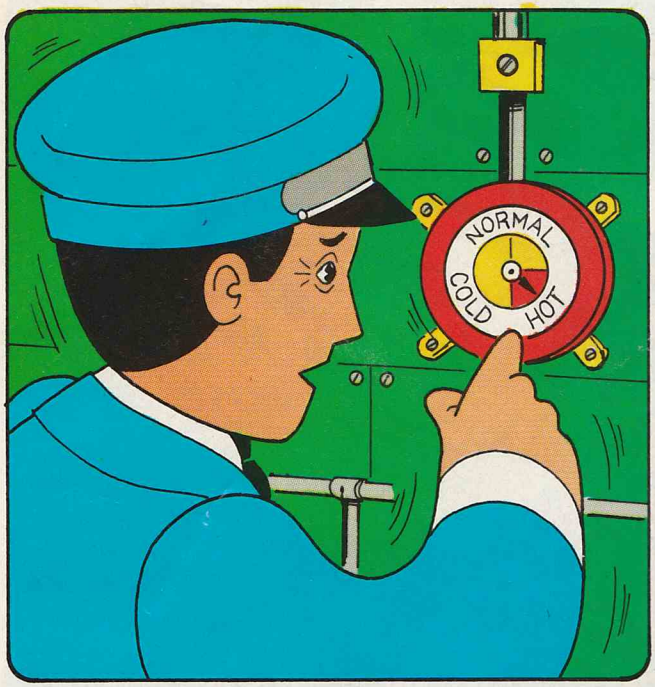
4. Diesel saw Duck going to the water tower. He always thought that was very funny. "Need another drink, Duck?" he laughed. "Steam engines **always** seem to be thirsty!"



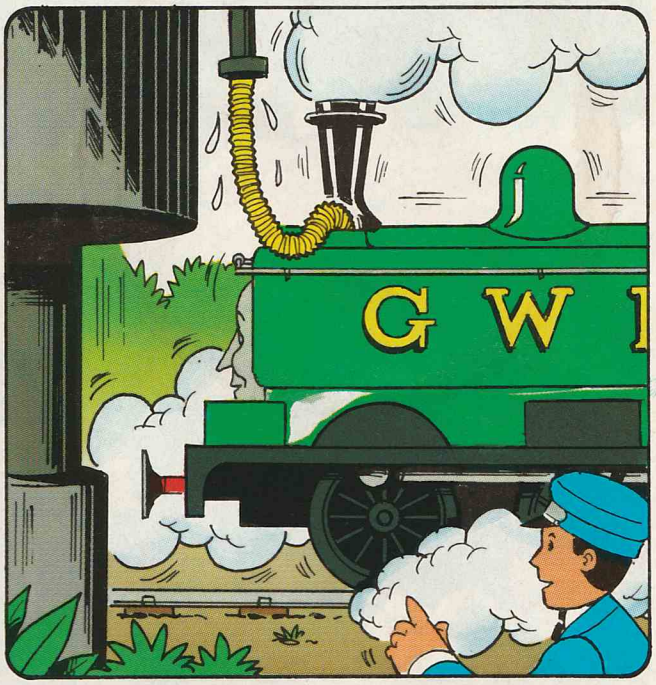
5. "What about you? You have to drink too!" Duck puffed crossly. "What about your diesel fuel?" "Pah!" Diesel hissed. "That's not the same thing at all!"



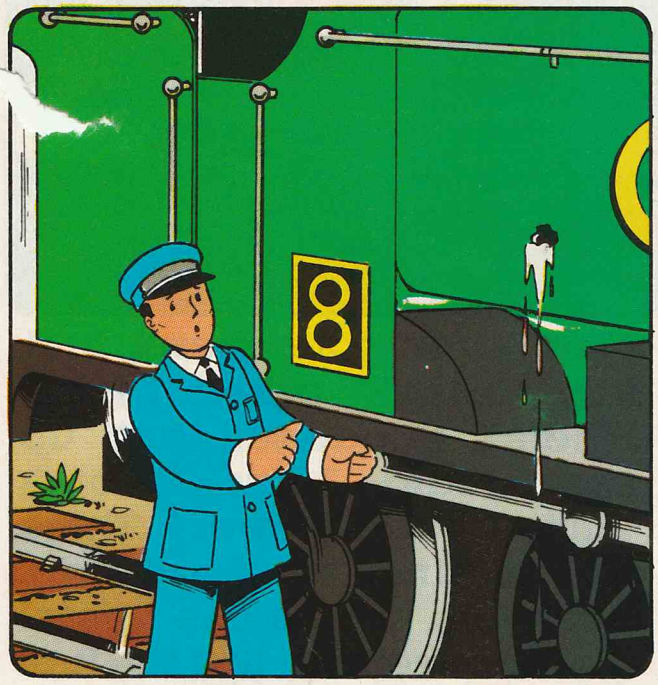
6. Duck drank his fill of water and went back to work, but just an hour later he was thirsty again! "Phew!" he called to his driver. "I need some more water!"



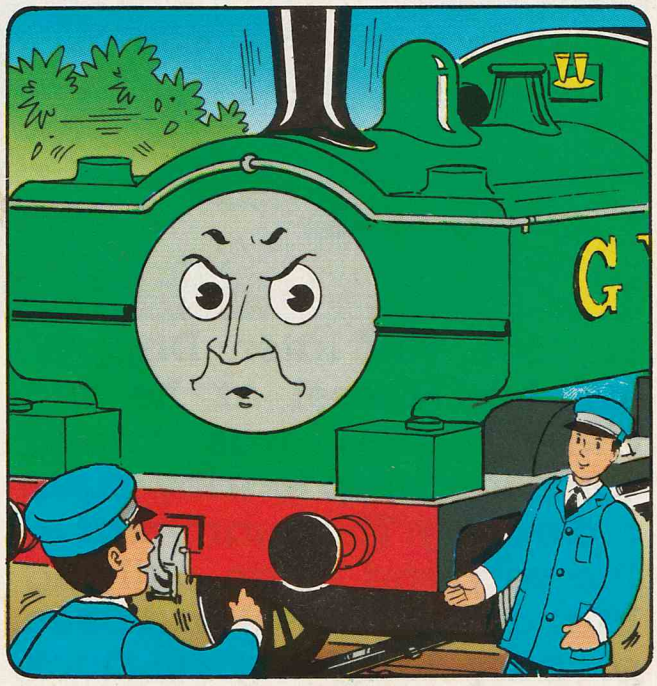
7. "Impossible!" said his driver. "We only just filled you up!" "I know that," said Duck, "But please check my temperature!" Sure enough, Duck was much too hot!



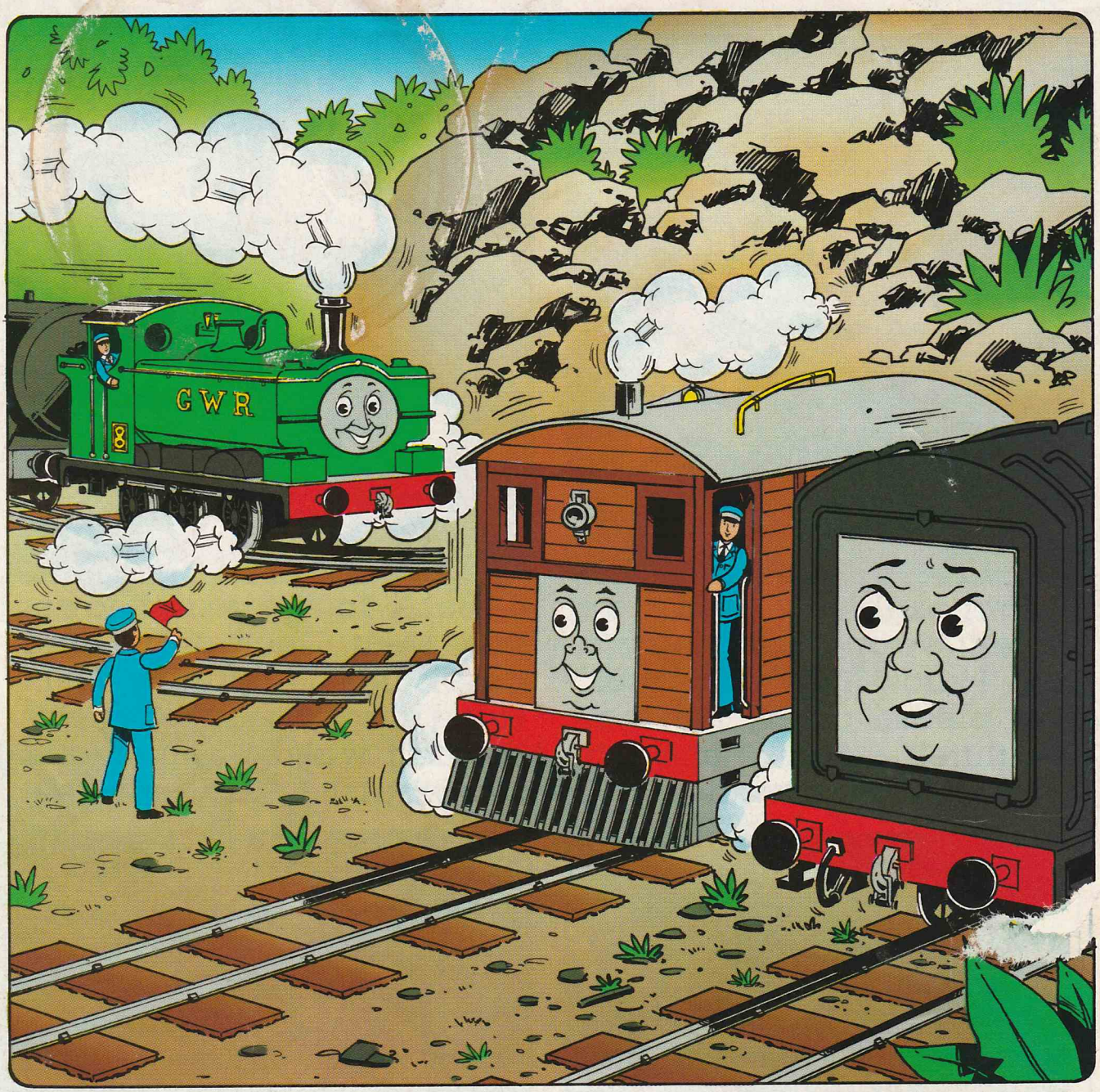
8. Back to the water tower they went. Duck drank and drank but he couldn't seem to get enough water. Then his fireman walked round and saw what the problem was!



9. Duck had a hole in his boiler! The water was leaking out. Diesel thought that was very funny too. "Hello, Drippy!" he teased Duck. "Need some more water?"



10. "Don't mind him," said Duck's driver. "We'll soon have your boiler mended and back to normal." "I know," said Duck, but Diesel still made him feel cross.



11. "See you later, Drippy!" laughed Diesel as he slid away. Diesel was taking some trucks up to Toby at the old quarry. The quarry was at the very end of an outlying branch line. Diesel had been so busy laughing at Duck that he forgot to check his fuel gauge. By the time he arrived at the quarry his fuel tank was almost empty!

12. "Where's your diesel fuel tank, Toby?" asked Diesel. "There's no diesel tank up here," said Toby. "There's only a water tower." There was nothing Diesel could do, but wait until some diesel fuel was sent! At last the fuel arrived, and who should be bringing it, but Duck himself! Duck thought that was very funny indeed!

THE END

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